

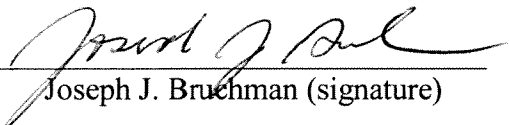
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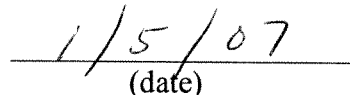
Applicant: Steven M. Johnson Confirmation No. 4209  
Serial No.: 10/752,647 Examiner: Weaver Sue A.  
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For: Container Having a Base With a Convex Dome....

**DECLARATION SWEARING BACK OF REFERENCE**  
**(37 CFR 1.131)**

I, Joseph J. Bruchman declare that I am an inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application and that I and Steven M. Johnson conceived of the invention with due diligence to reduction to practice of the invention, having made drawings and disclosed the same to others in confidence, in the United States prior to January 30, 2003 the effective filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,858; that prior to January 30, 2003 drawings were prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto; that I do not know and do not believe that the invention has been in public use or on sale in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or any foreign country for more than one year prior to the present application, and we have never abandoned the application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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